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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on March 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 348, 2/25/2015; HB 200 3/5/2015; HB 382 3/5/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas

HEARING ON HB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 348, Authorize interstate healthcare compact.

00:02:10 Chairman Thomas turned the chair over to Vice Chair Howard.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:01 Kim Abbott, outreach and engagement director, Montana Human Rights Network

00:08:31 Amanda Harrow, policy analyst, Montana Primary Care Associations

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:34 Sen. Smith

00:10:08 Rep. Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:37 Rep. Ballance

HEARING ON HB 382

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:12 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 382, Revising terminology relating to mental illness.

EXHIBIT(phs50a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:43 Alicia Smith, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI-Montana)

00:18:27 Aart Dolman, legislative advocate, Great Falls YWCA

00:20:43 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital

00:21:22 Sheila Rice, representing herself

00:21:56 Quintin Schrader, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI-Montana)

00:25:34 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana

00:26:07 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

00:26:20 Terry Minow, political director, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:26:34 Niki Zupanic, representing ACLU Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:21 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:47 Rep. Randall Pinocci (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 200, Require drug screening & testing for temp assistance for needy families program.

[**EXHIBIT\(phs50a02\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:06 Rick Linafelter, representing himself and the Montana Landlords Association

00:33:13 Judy Tankink, representing herself

[**EXHIBIT\(phs50a03\)**](#)

00:37:10 Rudolph Tankink, representing himself

[**EXHIBIT\(phs50a04\)**](#)

00:40:56 Ron Hepp, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:02 Bob Runkel, branch manager, Economic Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:52:52 Aart Dolman, legislative advocate, Great Falls YWCA

00:56:58 Niki Zupanic, representing ACLU Montana

00:57:12 Sen. Windy Boy entered the hearing.

01:01:26 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

01:03:12 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

01:05:39 Mike Hankins, liaison to homeless veterans, St. Matthew's Brigade (SMB)

01:09:59 Kim Abbott, outreach and engagement director, Montana Human Rights Network

01:10:58 Terry Minow, political director, MEA-MFT

01:11:53 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)

01:12:46 Amanda Harrow, policy analyst, Montana Primary Care Associations

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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01:18:35 Sen. Thomas
01:19:13 Ms. Zupanic, ACLU
01:21:02 Sen. Thomas
01:21:19 Ms. Zupanic
01:22:09 Sen. Thomas
01:22:49 Mr. Runkel, DPHHS
01:23:02 Sen. Thomas
01:23:23 Mr. Runkel
01:23:45 Sen. Caferro
01:24:19 Rep. Pinocci
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01:25:16 Sen. Caferro
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EXHIBIT(phs50a05)

01:33:12 Sen. Caferro
01:33:46 Rep. Pinocci
01:34:15 Sen. Caferro
01:35:09 Mr. Runkel
01:35:37 Sen. Caferro
01:35:55 Mr. Runkel
01:36:08 Sen. Caferro
01:36:55 Ms. Young
01:37:55 Sen. Caferro
01:38:29 Ms. Young, MCADSV
01:39:50 Sen. Windy Boy
01:40:30 Mr. Runkel
01:40:52 Sen. Windy Boy
01:41:22 Mr. Runkel
01:42:07 Sen. Thomas
01:43:17 Mr. Hankins, SMB
01:44:42 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:57 Rep. Pinocci
01:45:59 Sen. Caferro
01:46:23 Sen. Thomas
01:46:32 Sen. Caferro
01:46:44 Sen. Thomas
01:47:04 Sen. Caferro
01:47:15 Rep. Pinocci

01:52:01 Vice Chair Howard turned the chair back over to Chairman Thomas.

01:52:37 Chairman Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs50aad.pdf](#))